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MOBILE TRACKING STATION--The Comsat (Satellite Commission) tracking station left yesterday for Tabatinga on the border between Amazonas and Colombia aboard a Brazilian Air Force C-47. The small station will begin to be set up today. Tomorrow the first tests will be made directly with the Tangua station in Itaborai in the state of Rio. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 15 Sep 73 p 5 X]

AID TO CHILE--In an operation coordinated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, two Hercules C-130's left yesterday for the Chilean capital carrying food and medicine for the victims of the armed conflict that shook that country after deposition of President Salvador Allende by the armed forces last Tuesday. One of the planes went from Rio directly to Santiago and the other made two stops: one at the Anapolis air base in Goias to load 5 tons of sugar and rice, and the other in Brasilia where it took on 15 tons of medical supplies, including a large amount of blood plasma, according to the Air Ministry office. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 15 Sep 73 p 13 X]

TRADE MISSION TO AFRICA--A Brazilian trade mission made up of 50 businessmen and headed by legislator Adalberto Camargo will arrive in Ghana on 4 October in an attempt to find markets for Brazilian export products, according to an announcement by the Brazilian Embassy in Accra last night. The Brazilian trade mission will go to African countries to seek markets for textiles, clothing, cardboard, electrical home appliances, shoes, paper, plastics, domestics, farm machinery and Brazilian zebu cattle. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 15 Sep 73 p 16 X]

HEAVY WATER PRODUCTION--Brasilia--Two military lecturers at the National Technology Meeting being held in Brasilia yesterday announced the research being carried out by the army and navy, including the production of heavy water. General Jose Alves Martins, the army's director of research, announced the construction in Brazil of a pilot plant for the production of up to 5 tons of heavy water annually. With this production, he added, Brazil will be able to operate atomic reactors self-sufficiently. Today it depends on the imports of enriched uranium from the United States. [Text] [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 14 Sep 73 p 23 X]

PARAGUAYAN BORDER--Brasilia--The Brazil-Paraguay Border Commission ended its 24th meeting yesterday without taking any decision related to the contested territories in the frontier area inasmuch as a large part of the area will be covered by water with the construction of the Itaipu hydroelectric project. The only decisions taken related to the recovery of old markers installed at the border. Recovery work will begin next April. The next meeting of the commission will be in the latter half of 1974. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 15 Sep 73 p 2 X]

AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA--Brasilia--President Medici sent a message to the Federal Senate appointing Victor Jose Silveira ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 12 Sep 73 p 20 X]

DAF PLANT TO BRAZIL--The Dutch Government has reached an advanced stage in its study of a plan to install a DAF automobile plant in this country. DAF produces the only small car in the world equipped with an automatic transmission. These cars would be cheaper than the Volkswagen and would open up the prospect of the South American consumer market to the Dutch, without competition for vehicles of that type. [From Ibrahim Sued column] [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 18 Sep 73 p 2 X]

PCB MEMBERS CHARGED--Brasilia--Twelve persons accused of attempting to reorganize the Brazilian Communist Party in the city of Anapolis between the years 1966 and 1972 were charged yesterday in the 11th Military District Court, under provisions of Article 43 of the National Security Law. [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 12 Sep 73 p 20 X]

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ARENA NOMINATES GEISEL, PEREIRA DOS SANTOS BY ACCLAMATION

Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 15 Sep 73 p 3 X

[Excerpt] Brasilia--The candidacies of Generals Ernesto Geisel and Adalberto Pereira dos Santos were unanimously approved yesterday by the national convention of ARENA which was attended by 624 delegates, representing a total of 808 votes, and various state governors. The convention was held in the Chamber of Deputies chamber.

SENATOR PETRONIO APPROVED AS UNCONTESTED ARENA LEADER

Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 15 Sep 73 p 4 X

[Excerpt] Brasilia--A motion signed by all the senators and more than a hundred deputies and convention delegates was approved by acclamation, recognizing Senator Petronio Portela, president of ARENA, as uncontested leader of the official party. The motion recognized the "merits" of the senator from Piaui, promised him "support and trust" and described his leadership of the destinies of ARENA as "effective and dedicated."

ARENA CONGRESSMEN TERM MDB CONVENTION SPEECHES UNFAIR

Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 24 Sep 73 p 2 X

[Excerpts] Brasilia--The speeches made last Saturday at the MDB convention by the presidential and vice presidential candidates, Ulysses Guimaraes and Barbosa Lima Sobrinho, were received by Arena deputies and senators as typical expressions of opposition candidates "unrelated to the political, economic, and social reality of the country," and as "evidence that there is freedom in the country to criticize the government."

One detail, however, was unanimously recognized by all--the good literary style of the two speeches.

Chamber of Deputies leader Geraldo Freire observed that the speeches of the opposition candidates "are very well written, but unfair in content." In his opinion, the picture drawn by Ulysses Guimaraes was not true, when he alluded to the question of freedom in the country and the poverty of the people. He noted that the revolutionary governments have defended the people against "real oppression--the one that comes from abroad" and have promoted the improvement of the general living conditions of the population.

"There is still poverty in Brazil, but the condition of the people has improved, in the most diverse fields. Mobral has been adding millions of Brazilians every year to the ranks of the literate, the universities have five or six times more students than they did in 1963, and the workers have all the protections, through programs such as the Social Integration Program, the Service Time Guarantee Fund, Prorural and other government initiatives.

Geraldo Freire, however, paid tribute to the qualities of the MDB candidates. He said he was an admirer of both and described them as two very talented men, with good civic records, and very well educated.

The president of the Chamber, Deputy Flavio Marcellio also pointed out that the MDB "rendered a great service to the Brazilian democratic process in selecting candidates of the highest political caliber and respectability."